

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Western District of Pennsylvania

United States of America

v.

Ponmuthukumar Thangevelu

Defendant

Case No. 1:09-mj-70

DETENTION ORDER PENDING TRIAL

After conducting a detention hearing under the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), I conclude that these facts require that the defendant be detained pending trial.

Part I—Findings of Fact

- ☐ (1) The defendant is charged with an offense described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1) and has previously been convicted of ☐ a federal offense ☐ a state or local offense that would have been a federal offense if federal jurisdiction had existed - that is
- ☐ a crime of violence as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 3156(a)(4) or an offense listed in 18 U.S.C. § 2332b(g)(5) for which the prison term is 10 years or more.
 - ☐ an offense for which the maximum sentence is death or life imprisonment.
 - ☐ an offense for which a maximum prison term of ten years or more is prescribed in _____.
 - ☐ a felony committed after the defendant had been convicted of two or more prior federal offenses described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1)(A)-(C), or comparable state or local offenses:
 - ☐ any felony that is not a crime of violence but involves:
 - ☐ a minor victim
 - ☐ the possession or use of a firearm or destructive device or any other dangerous weapon
 - ☐ a failure to register under 18 U.S.C. § 2250
- ☐ (2) The offense described in finding (1) was committed while the defendant was on release pending trial for a federal, state release or local offense.
- ☐ (3) A period of less than five years has elapsed since the ☐ date of conviction ☐ the defendant's release from prison for the offense described in finding (1).
- ☐ (4) Findings Nos. (1), (2) and (3) establish a rebuttable presumption that no condition will reasonably assure the safety of another person or the community. I further find that the defendant has not rebutted this presumption.

Alternative Findings (A)

- ☐ (1) There is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed an offense
- ☐ for which a maximum prison term of ten years or more is prescribed in _____.
 - ☐ under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).

*Insert as applicable: (a) Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. § 801 *et seq.*); (b) Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C. § 951 *et seq.*); or (c) Section 1 of Act of Sept. 15, 1980 (21 U.S.C. § 955a).

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- ☐ (2) The defendant has not rebutted the presumption established by finding 1 that no condition will reasonably assure the defendant's appearance and the safety of the community.

Alternative Findings (B)

- ☒ (1) There is a serious risk that the defendant will not appear.
- ☒ (2) There is a serious risk that the defendant will endanger the safety of another person or the community.

Part II—Statement of the Reasons for Detention

I find that the testimony and information submitted at the detention hearing establishes by ☒ clear and convincing evidence ☒ a preponderance of the evidence that

1) There is probable cause that that Defendant committed the crimes charged; 2) Defendant was made aware of the minor's age by the victim, the internet social pages and FBI Special Agent Brenneis; 3) Defendant traveled to the Erie area to have sexual relations with the minor knowing that she was underage; 4) Defendant has lived in the Bloomington, Illinois, community for 1 year and does not have family or a network of friends in that community; 5) Defendant is on administrative unpaid leave from his job at Accenture; 7) Defendant did not have his Passport and Visa with him when he traveled to the Erie area on December 11, 2009 as required; and 8) Defendant lied to authorities about having traveled previously to the area, having sexual relations with the minor, and knowing her age.

Part III—Directions Regarding Detention

The defendant is committed to the custody of the Attorney General or a designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or held in custody pending appeal. The defendant must be afforded a reasonable opportunity to consult privately with defense counsel. On order of United States Court or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility must deliver the defendant to the United States marshal for a court appearance.

Date: 12/21/2009



Judge's Signature

Susan Paradise Baxter, U. S. Magistrate Judge

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